GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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FUNDS TO LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given to Connemara Public Library at Chennai and Maharaja Serfoji`s Sarasvati Mahal Library, Thanjavur for different development activities during each of the last three year, till date;

(b) the funds spend by these two libraries during the said period;

(c) whether the conservation works on the Connemara Library Building has not been completed so far;

(d) if so , the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a show cause notice was served to the Superintending Archaeologist, Chennai circle for not been able to complete the work in the stipulated time; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) the details of financial assistance gien by the Government of India during each of the last three years, till date, for different development activities to Connemara Public Library and Maharaja Serfoji`s Sarasvati Mahal Library, Thanjavur is as under:

Year	Name of Org. C.P.L. Chennai	Name of Org. T.M.S.S.M.L.Thanjavur
1997-1998	Rs.52.8 lakh	Nil
1998-1999	Rs.68.00 lakh	Rs.50 lakh
1999-2000	Rs.32.5 lakh	Nil
2000-2001	Rs.15.00 lakh	Nil

(c),(d), (e) & (f): The conservation work of Connemara Public Libary Building has not been completed so far due to considerable delay in the procurement of 5 m. long teak wood logs and also the glass tiles to be fixed on the roof.

In view of this the question of issuing a show cause notice to the Superintending Archaeologist, Chennai Circle does not arise.